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Re: Applicant(s): Bender, Theodore M.; et. al.
 Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
 Title: Tool for Creating an Opening in Tissue
 Serial No.: 10/659,057
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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the Official Filing Receipt marked in red to show that correction is needed. The section entitled "domestic priority data as claimed by applicant" should read:
--This application is a continuation-in-part of 10/054,745 01/22/2002.--

In support of this change, a copy of the first page of the patent application as filed is attached. The highlighted portion of this page establishes that "[t]his patent application is a continuation-in-part of the U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/054,745, filed January 22, 2002." A copy of the Transmittal Letter showing that this patent application is a continuation-in-part of U.S Patent Application Serial No. 10/054,745 is also attached.

Issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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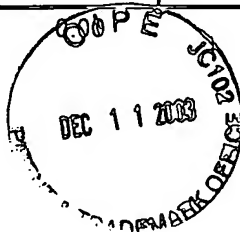


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Title

Tool for creating an opening in tissue

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TOOL FOR CREATING AN OPENING IN TISSUE

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to surgery, and more particularly to creating an opening in the wall of a tubular tissue structure such as a blood vessel.

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BACKGROUND

Anastomosis is a procedure where two separate tubular or hollow organs are surgically grafted together to form an intercommunication between them. Vascular anastomosis involves creating an anastomosis between blood vessels to create or restore blood flow. The vascular anastomosis procedure is routinely performed during the treatment of a variety of conditions, including coronary artery disease (CAD), neurovascular disease, diseases of the great and peripheral vessels, organ transplantation, and traumatic injury. When a patient suffers from CAD, an occlusion or stenosis in a coronary artery restricts blood flow to the heart muscle. To treat CAD, the area where the occlusion occurs is bypassed to reroute blood flow by placing a graft vessel (in the form of a harvested artery or vein, prosthesis, allograft or xenograft) between two target

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Title: Tool for Creating an Opening in Tissue

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49 page(s) Specification (not including claims)

6 page(s) Claims

1 page Abstract

15 Sheet(s) of Drawings

X Nonpublication Request

X **Applicant(s) assert(s) entitlement to small entity status for the attached patent application.**

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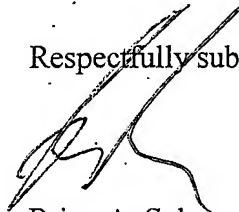
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